

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 09/864,078  
Applicants: : LaColla *et al.*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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April 29, 2004

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**Amendment after Allowance under 37 CFR §1.312**

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowability was mailed on February 19, 2004. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.312, Applicants request entry of the amendments to the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. In the response dated June 6, 2003, to the Restriction Requirement of March 26, 2003, claims 1-82, 84, 85, 87, 88, 91-99, and 103-129 were cancelled. In a Supplemental Amendment submitted August 26, 2003, claims 1-99 and 103-129 were cancelled, claims 100-102, 130-136, 139-145 were amended and claims 146-159 were added. In the response dated November 14, 2003, to the Official Action of August 27, 2003, claims 136-138, 146, 149, 150, and 159 were amended and claims 160-185 were added. Claims 136, 146-156 and 160-179 are cancelled and claims 100-102, 130-135, 137-145, 159, and 180-184 are amended herein.


**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.



TRANSMITTAL OF ISSUE FEE  
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this Transmittal of Issue Fee, Terminal Disclaimer, and Amendment after Allowance under 37 CFR §1.312, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage for first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE; Commissioner for Patents; P. O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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Date: April 29, 2004